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**HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I am honored to highlight an outstanding achievement of a young leader from my congressional district. Mr. Alex Chandler of Heritage High School in Littleton, Colorado was the elected Youth Governor of the YMCA Youth in Government Program and will attend the 2007 Youth Governor's Conference in Washington, DC this June.

Mr. Chandler's road to Washington is not unlike those taken by current Members of Congress. After a vigorous campaign, he was elected Youth Governor of Colorado to represent more than 50,000 of his peers. He was then given the task of executing the duties of his office against those of a mock legislature and judicial system. Due to his outstanding political and leadership abilities, Mr. Chandler will be one of 40 Youth Governors chosen to attend the conference.

The Youth Governor's Conference has been held annually in Washington, DC since 1964, granting high school students a rare and unique opportunity to meet and engage their elected officials in Congress, policy makers, and other prominent political personalities. This exceptional event seeks to provide these young individuals a greater understanding of America's political system, a familiarity of the major players within it, and exposure to the important issues of our era.

Madam Speaker, all of Colorado can take pride in the performance of Mr. Chandler and his great political potential. He is an excellent role model for his peers as well as a symbol of this country's future leadership. Please join me in commending Mr. Chandler for his successes.

SENATOR JOSEPH BIDEN PROPOSES INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR LIBRARY TO THWART NUCLEAR TERRORISM

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. LANTOS. Madam Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues in the House to a recent article by the distinguished Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator JOSEPH BIDEN of Delaware. For the past 34 years that he has served in the Congress, Senator BIDEN has been a steadfast proponent of strong American policies to deal with nuclear non-proliferation.

In a column published last week in the Wall Street Journal Senator BIDEN proposed an

"International Nuclear Library" that would store the nuclear signatures of the stockpiles of nuclear materials of all participating nations. Such a program would allow not only the United States but all participating countries to know that if any nuclear materials were inappropriately used, it would be possible to identify with certainty just where the culprits found their nuclear materials—a very strong deterrence to misuse.

Madam Speaker, Senator BIDEN's proposal would encourage more responsible behavior by countries with nuclear materials. It would provide a strong incentive for close monitoring of nuclear stockpiles. This plan would also give all participating countries a source for any radioactive materials that have entered or exited their borders.

I welcome Senator BIDEN's excellent and progressive proposal. Madam Speaker, I ask that Senator BIDEN's article be placed in the RECORD, and I urge all of my colleagues to give it careful and thoughtful attention.

[From the Wall Street Journal, June 4, 2007]

CSI: NUKES

(By Senator Joseph Biden)

The most dangerous threat America faces is the possibility that one of the world's most extreme groups—like al Qaeda—gets its hands on a nuclear bomb. Luckily, a would-be nuclear terrorist cannot make the ingredients for a modern-day Hiroshima by himself. Either a state will have to give or sell him a bomb or the nuclear material to make one, or the terrorist will have to steal the material.

To bring deterrence into the 21st century and prevent an attack from ever occurring, the United States and other potential targets of nuclear terrorism must take advantage of nuclear terrorists' reliance on states.

The U.S. has long deterred a nuclear attack by states, by clearly and credibly threatening devastating retaliation. Now is the time for a new type of deterrence: We must make clear in advance that we will hold accountable any country that contributes to a terrorist nuclear attack, whether by directly aiding would-be nuclear terrorists or willfully neglecting its responsibility to secure the nuclear weapons or weapons-usable nuclear material within its borders. Deterrence cannot rest on words alone. It must be backed up by capabilities.

Before, we relied on being able to track incoming bombers or missiles to know who had attacked us. Today, because a nuclear bomb might be delivered in a rental van or a boat, the credibility of the new deterrence will rest on our scientific ability to examine the air and ground debris created by an attack to determine the source of the nuclear material.

Building on work from the Cold War, the U.S. is a leader in this new science of nuclear forensics. Any country today that aids a would-be nuclear terrorist, through action or neglect, has to be concerned about getting caught. But we can and must do more to improve our ability in this area, and to make our ability to trace the source of a nuclear explosion widely known. We need more nuclear forensics research, more scientists to analyze nuclear samples, and an assured ability—using our own aircraft or those of

cooperating states—to quickly collect nuclear debris from the site of any attack, in this country or around the world.

While there is a lot the U.S. can do on its own to deter countries from helping nuclear terrorists, there is much more we can do through cooperation with other governments. In the aftermath of an attack—or much better, if terrorists are caught smuggling nuclear material before an attack—scientists would want to compare the samples they collect against what is known about other countries' nuclear material, to figure out the samples' country of origin. To enable such work, the U.S. should take the lead in creating an international nuclear forensics library.

The library could house actual samples of nuclear material contributed by participating countries, validated data about their material, or binding agreements to provide predetermined data in the immediate aftermath of an attack or smuggling incident. A library cannot guarantee that in the wake of an attack the world could assign blame to a country, but it could be a critical tool in narrowing an investigation and debunking wild rumors or allegations. Countries might hesitate to share their nuclear material, but the library could safeguard samples and identify their origin only if they matched smuggled material or nuclear debris. Any country that refused to contribute to a nuclear forensics library would risk condemnation or suspicion in the event of a terrorist nuclear attack.

Working out arrangements—to ensure that samples and data stay in trusted hands and that countries cannot fake the samples or data they submit—won't be easy. That is all the more reason to build on existing data collections in Russia and Germany and work with other countries to craft such a worldwide nuclear forensics library.

Four years ago, I proposed improving our nuclear forensics capabilities, but today funding for critical nuclear analysis by our National Laboratories remains dangerously low. Congress must give the labs the resources that they need—and that America's security demands.

This new form of deterrence must add to, not replace, other efforts to prevent nuclear terrorism. We must devote far more dollars and people to working with Russia and other countries to secure and reduce stockpiles of nuclear weapons and materials and to remove nuclear weapons-usable materials from as many sites as possible. The president must make this effort his or her personal priority.

Deterrence based on strong nuclear forensics is a critical tool to help prevent nuclear terrorism. To prevent a nuclear 9/11, we must use every tool we have.

TRIBUTE TO NOVI MEADOWS  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Novi Meadows Elementary School, in Novi, Michigan, for

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earning the distinguished Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School award.

Since its establishment, Novi Meadows Elementary School has represented a pillar of educational excellence in our community. Characterized by a rigorous academic curriculum and an effective partnership between parents and teachers, Novi Meadows Elementary School offers students a constructive learning environment, caring friendships, and innovative educational opportunities to prepare them for life's challenges. Thanks to the dedicated teachers and staff, each year Novi Meadows Elementary School students graduate prepared for a promising future.

In fact, following an extensive assessment of their academic performance, in February of 2007, the Michigan State Board of Education and the Blue Ribbon committee of educators awarded Novi Meadows Elementary School the distinguished Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School award. Established in 1982, the award recognizes schools demonstrating a strong commitment to educational excellence and significant academic improvement over five years. This year, the selection of Novi Meadows Elementary School demonstrates how dedicated teachers, a stellar learning environment, and an exemplary community benefit students.

Madam Speaker, in honor of its recent selection to receive the 2007 Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School award, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Novi Meadows Elementary School's exceptional efforts to educate students, and its diligent service to our community and country.

#### RECOGNIZING HSBC BANK USA

##### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the 41st recipient of the Special Presentation Award given by the Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce. The chamber of commerce wishes to recognize and honor HSBC Bank USA, NA for its contributions to the western New York community.

The employees of HSBC Bank USA, NA have demonstrated a commitment to service and community by volunteering over 135,000 hours of service for nonprofit organizations. HSBC employees donated their time by painting classrooms, picking up litter, tutoring children, and working to improve local areas such as Riverside Park.

HSBC Bank USA, NA has also contributed to the future of western New York and the country through its "HSBC Scholars" program, which last year boasted 1,800 recipients. In addition, the bank also partners with Junior Achievement, a nonprofit organization that works to educate students in the areas of free enterprise, business, and economics.

Cheektowaga has benefited from the presence and activities of HSBC Bank. HSBC Bank has contributed to the Cheektowaga community by acting as a member of the Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce for 50 years, and has also sponsored events hosted by the chamber of commerce. Employees of the bank have continued to be an integral part of the western New York community through

participation in organizations such as the United States Marine Corps Reserve and National Association of Women Business Owners.

Today, Madam Speaker, I would like to join the Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce and many others in congratulating HSBC Bank USA, NA for its exceptional contributions to the western New York community and beyond.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF SHARNISHA BRAZZELL

##### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sharnisha Brazzell as the recipient of the inaugural Tuskegee Scholarship, and to recognize the North Coast Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen for their service to our country.

As a member of the East Technical High School JROTC program, Sharnisha has demonstrated a strong desire to serve her country. As the 2007 Tuskegee Scholarship winner, Sharnisha will have the opportunity to develop her aviation skills as a student at the Summer Flight Academy of the Black Airline Pilots Association. Her hard work and dedication will take her to new and exciting heights, and I wish her luck in all her future endeavors.

Sharnisha will be carrying on a proud tradition of service to the United States started by the original Tuskegee Airmen. In the face of prejudice and segregation, the Tuskegee Airmen flew over 1,500 missions during World War II to help defeat Nazism and the spread of intolerance.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Sharnisha Brazzell as the recipient of the inaugural Tuskegee Scholarship. May she carry on the proud tradition of Black Aviation started by the Tuskegee Airmen.

#### HONORING DAVIE PIÑA, OF CALIFORNIA

##### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Davie Piña who is being honored by the Napa Valley Grapegrowers as their Grower of the Year on Friday, June 1, 2007. Mr. Piña is being recognized for his outstanding contribution both to the wine grape industry, and to the larger community of the Napa Valley.

Mr. Piña is a sixth generation farmer in the Napa Valley, where he was born and raised. After attending California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, he took over and has substantially expanded the vineyard management business begun by his father, John Piña, Sr., over 40 years ago. Today he operates the thriving vineyard management group and is a partner running Piña Napa Valley winery as well as involving himself in numerous groups in the community.

Piña Vineyard Management has been at the forefront of sustainable farming practices in

the Napa Valley for many years, incorporating ecologically friendly agricultural techniques with sophisticated technology to help clients ensure the long-term quality of their vineyards. Mr. Piña's environmental consciousness extends beyond his work in the vineyards, as he has cochaired a local environmental project referred to as the Rutherford Dust River Restoration Team that is working to restore the watershed of the Napa River as it passes through the Rutherford area. He is part of an excellent leadership team that has brought about significant and ongoing changes to the quality of the habitat along the river.

Mr. Piña has also served as the Assistant Fire Chief for the Rutherford Volunteer Fire Department for the past 18 years. During this time he has taken on numerous responsibilities, including storing the department's fire engine on his own property while spearheading the project for a permanent Silverado Fire Station that opened in 2006. As a professional vineyard manager, he was keenly attuned to problems in the industry, and last year he helped organize local farm managers, and ultimately facilitated the Vineyard Managers Facilities Ordinance. This important work has allowed the legalization of vineyard management operations, and will help ensure regulation and quality in Napa Valley agriculture.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, it is appropriate at this time that we thank Mr. Davie Piña for the hard work he has done on behalf of the Napa Valley. As a respected manager and now winemaker, he has advanced the reputation of Napa Valley grapes and wine, and he has also been a model citizen and superb steward of the land he lives on.

#### TRIBUTE TO LARRY E. FOSTER

##### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the memory of Larry E. Foster. Larry passed away Sunday, June 10, at the age of 66, after suffering with cancer for the past several months.

Larry Foster started in public service fighting for the rights of senior citizens after graduating from Mississippi Industrial College with a bachelor of arts degree. He was the director of the Detroit Street Senior Citizen Center and the Hasselbring Senior Center. Elected to the Beecher Board of Education in 1977, Larry has held elected office ever since. He served on the Beecher Board of Education for 14 years.

He went on to be elected as the Mt. Morris Township supervisor in 1992 and has held that position ever since. He was the first African-American ever elected to the supervisor post in the history of the township. He was a devoted servant of the people and worked tirelessly to make Mt. Morris Township a great place to live and work.

Larry was enthusiastic about his community and spent many hours volunteering with Beecher Community Schools. He was the junior high school basketball coach for the past 31 years and a coach for the elementary football and basketball teams. In addition Larry served on the boards of many community organizations and was a member of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church.

Madam Speaker, Larry Foster was a wonderful friend, a great advocate for Mt. Morris Township, and a revered figure in Mt. Morris for the past 30 years. He leaves a lasting legacy of breaking down barriers, and compassion for his fellow human beings. The mark he left on the community is a true blessing and he will be greatly missed.

#### TRIBUTE TO DANIEL PFANNES

##### HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Daniel Pfannes, Chief of Police at the Westland Police Department, upon his retirement from a distinguished law enforcement career in Westland, Michigan.

For nearly five decades, Chief Pfannes dedicated his life to protecting the citizens of Michigan. Upon graduation from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Arts in Industrial Supervision and Management, Chief Pfannes joined the Westland Police Department as a Police Officer in the Uniform Patrol Division. Over the next 25 years, Chief Pfannes ascended through the Department's ranks, eventually serving as an Evidence Technician, Patrol Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant, Special Investigations Lieutenant, SWAT Commander, and Deputy Chief of Police. In 1993, Chief Pfannes graduated from the Police School of Staff and Command at Eastern Michigan University and Northwestern University. One year later, in 1994, he earned a Master's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Detroit. Then, in March of 2003 he was promoted to the Chief of Police of the City of Westland.

Today, Chief Pfannes is a leader in the city of Westland and Wayne County. He serves on the Executive Board of the Wayne County Chiefs of Police Association, the Wayne County Regional Police Academy Advisory Board, the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police Legislative Committee, and the Advisory Board of the Wayne County Representative to the Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System (C.L.E.M.I.S.). He is also a Juvenile Justice instructor at Schoolcraft College and an assistant adjunct professor at Madonna University in Livonia where he teaches Criminal Justice.

For his tireless service to the community, Chief Pfannes has been recognized with the "Most Influential Instructor Award" by Schoolcraft Police Academy; and for his heroic efforts in combating crime, the Westland Police Department has honored him with numerous citations and commendations. The Wayne County Executive, Robert Ficano, also recognized Chief Pfannes for his efforts to secure \$23 million in federal Urban Area Security Initiative funding for Wayne County and the City of Detroit.

Madam Speaker, for 25 years, Chief Daniel Pfannes has unwaveringly protected and defended the citizens of Michigan. His long established legacy of dedication, loyalty, and courage will never be forgotten. As he enters the next phase of his life, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chief Pfannes upon his retirement and in honoring his years of legendary service to our community and our country.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, on Monday I took part in a meeting in Denver at which the Advisory Board on Radiation and Health considered questions related to a petition to include people who worked at the Rocky Flats site as part of the "special exposure cohort" under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA).

As a result, I was not able to be present for three votes in the House.

Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 448—H.R. 2356, to amend title 4, United States Code, to encourage the display of the flag of the United States on Father's Day—I would have voted "yes."

Rollcall No. 449—S. 676, to provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation—I would have voted "yes."

Rollcall No. 450—H. Res. 418, Recognizing and welcoming the delegation of Presidents, Prime Ministers, and Foreign Ministers from the Caribbean to Washington, DC, and commending the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) for holding the Conference on the Caribbean—I would have voted "yes."

#### HONORING GEORGE BUCCI

##### HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of George Bucci. Mr. Bucci, a noted musician and public servant in Bardstown, Kentucky, passed away on May 9, 2007.

Mr. Bucci retired from the St. Joseph's School, where he spent many years as a music instructor. He was well known throughout the community for his volunteer work at several area nursing homes and charity events. He also served 28 years as the Adjutant for the "My Old Kentucky Home" Post 121 of the American Legion.

His service to his country and dedication to the Nelson County community will be remembered by all who knew him. It is my privilege to honor the memory of George Bucci today before the entire U.S. House of Representatives. May he rest in peace.

#### RECOGNIZING PEOPLE INC. UPON RECEIVING THE CHEEKTOWAGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2007 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

##### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the accomplishments of People Inc., a nonprofit group that provides assistance to those with developmental dis-

abilities, low-income seniors, and the general public. These accomplishments have earned People Inc. the 2007 Community Service Award from the Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce.

Since its foundation in 1971, People Inc. has worked selflessly towards its goal of providing individuals with disabling conditions, or other special needs, the tools they need to succeed in society. These tools include over 100 group homes, senior housing complexes, day programs, early intervention programs, young adult life transition programs, and a medical clinic. People Inc. has helped over 10,000 members of the community to make progress in their daily lives.

In addition to this honor from the Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce, People Inc.'s outstanding efforts have been recognized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the National Best Practices Award.

People Inc. has given back to the western New York community not only through its tireless service towards aiding those in need, but also by employing almost 2,300 residents and has been ranked as number 22 out of the top 30 largest employers in western New York.

Not only has People Inc. provided western New York and beyond with direct assistance, it has also aided other nonprofit organizations with knowledge and resources in the hopes of spreading its fundamental goals even farther throughout the community.

I stand here today, Madam Speaker, to acknowledge the contributions of People Inc. to the community, and am certain that many others will recognize these outstanding contributions as well.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE COUNCIL ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS

##### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in order to recognize the achievements of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, on the occasion of their Fifth Anniversary. Since its inception, CAIR has been instrumental in creating dialogue between the diverse communities of northeast Ohio.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to enhance understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build conditions that promote justice and mutual understanding. With the help of CAIR, the Tenth District of Ohio has become a more inclusive community and a more welcoming place for American Muslims. I thank every member of the organization for their time and dedication to improving the lives of the citizens of the Cleveland area.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the truly outstanding achievements of the Council on American-Islamic Relations. As our community continues to grow in its religious and cultural diversity, the work of CAIR is paramount if we are to thrive. May their efforts to create a more inclusive and peaceful world endure for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO THE MICHIGAN CHAPTER OF THE PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge the Michigan Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America in partnering with Ford Motor Company to release "The Ford Michigan Mobility Resource Guide" during their Open House in Novi, Michigan, on April 12, 2007.

For nearly five decades, the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America have loyally served our community's veterans with spinal cord injury or disease. A congressionally chartered veteran's service organization, the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America have faithfully honored its commitment to advocate for improved health care access, research and development for spinal cord injury and spinal cord dysfunction, sports programs; and have enhanced the benefits and disability rights on behalf of all paralyzed veterans.

In honor of Michigan Paralyzed Veteran Awareness Week, April 8, 2007, through April 14, 2007, the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America have partnered with Ford Motor Company of Michigan's Mobility Motoring Division to introduce the "Ford Michigan Mobility Resource Guide." On April 12, 2007, the 14-page guide for disabled drivers will debut at the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America's Open House and subsequently be available at Ford auto dealerships statewide.

Madam Speaker, this guide is key to helping the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America continue its noble mission to ensure all paralyzed veterans are empowered to lead healthy and fulfilling lives. Today, in honor of its legendary dedication to our disabled veterans and its tireless efforts to assist individuals with spinal cord injuries, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America for its unwavering commitment to our veterans, our community and our country.

HONORING HELGA LEMKE, OF SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleague Rep. LYNN WOOLSEY with great pleasure to honor Helga Lemke on her 18 years of service with Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County. Since 1989, when she was hired as the agency's Executive Director, Helga has shown a steadfast commitment to increasing opportunities for low income residents of Sonoma County to gain self-sufficiency and contribute to their communities. We have found Helga to be fiercely focused on fighting poverty, wonderfully competent in running this large, multi-program agency, and yet very down-to-earth and authentic.

Helga has spent her entire career helping others, from her internship with the National

Community Action Foundation nearly 40 years ago through her work at the United Nations to the present. One of the tenets she holds to dearly, says colleague John Way, is making a difference. He notes, "I have heard her often say that one of the most enriching things about her work is having someone tell her, 'What you've done has changed my life.'"

Helga's well-earned appointment to Director of Programs for the California Department of Community Services reminds us how much she has accomplished for our community. For one, she transformed a struggling nonprofit into one of the largest and most respected agencies in the county. She also initiated an award-winning staff diversity training program and a community-acclaimed annual conference on poverty, at the same time leading a staff of 225 at more than 20 sites with an annual budget of more than \$11 million.

Despite all this, Helga has still made time for public service. The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors appointed her to the Workforce Investment Board and Youth Council; the Santa Rosa City Mayor has appointed her to the Mayor's Task Force on Gangs; and she has also served on numerous boards, including Roseland University Prep School. She has also testified before Congress on Head Start issues, where her expertise was valued.

Madam Speaker, we have appreciated working with Director Lemke on the many issues faced by the Sonoma community and thank her for her dedicated service. Her passion and energy are an inspiration to all of us who work with families. Congratulations on your appointment, Helga.

TRIBUTE TO BAY COUNTY'S SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I am happy to rise before you today, and to ask my colleagues in the 110th Congress to join me in celebrating Bay County's sesquicentennial anniversary. This momentous occasion will be marked by a series of events to take place Friday, June 15 through Sunday, June 17, 2007.

In 1857, a village, made up of land once used as a campground for the Chippewa Indians, was formed east of the Saginaw River. In 1865, this village, known as Bay City, was formally incorporated as a city. To the west of the river, the villages of Banks, Salzburg, and Wenona joined together forming West Bay City. Eventually, both Bay City and West Bay City joined together as "Greater" Bay City in 1905.

Bay County was formally recognized as an independent county in 1857, and consists of four cities: Bay City, Essexville, Pinconning, and Auburn; two villages: Munger and Linwood; in addition to fourteen townships.

Madam Speaker, in the 150 years since the formation of Bay County, we have seen a rise from a collection of small lumber villages to one of Michigan's most vibrant areas. The shipyards and sawmills of the past have given way to worldwide corporations that create opportunities each day. Bay County's rich heritage is seen in its renowned architecture and diverse history. For generations, the kind

hearts and friendly manner of the residents have made Bay County a warm and welcoming community.

Madam Speaker, once again I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bay County, Michigan on the 150th anniversary of its formation.

RECOGNIZING RAYMOND I. WOLNIEWICZ UPON BEING NAMED 2007 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BY THE CHEEKTOWAGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I stand before you today to honor and congratulate the 41st recipient of the Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year award. Raymond I. Wolniewicz is being recognized by the Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce on June 14, 2007 for his outstanding commitment to the community.

Mr. Wolniewicz has demonstrated his dedication to the community through his devoted service as a World War II Air Force Veteran. Raymond served his country honorably and continues to do so through his participation in the Leonard Post V.F.W. Post 6251. Ray also acts as the Chairman and a trustee of the War of 1812 committee, demonstrating a passion for this country's rich history.

Ray Wolniewicz has also served his community through his dedication to his faith and social service. Ray and his wife Theresa have been devoted members of their church for the past 45 years. Ray also commits more of his time to his faith through his involvement in the Holy Name and Ushers Society. In addition, Ray helps to support the Cheektowaga community by delivering meals for the Meals on Wheels program and working at the Cheektowaga Senior Center.

In addition to these many accomplishments, Ray Wolniewicz has contributed to the community and country through his role as the President of the Cheektowaga Patriotic Commission, through which he helps to organize events such as the Town of Cheektowaga's Annual Fourth of July Festivities and Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony, as well as supporting numerous local organizations.

Ray's patriotism and commitment to community and country can be clearly seen in his professional and civic activities. I ask today, Madam Speaker, that Raymond Wolniewicz be recognized for this dedicated and selfless service.

HONORING MARIE STEWARD

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Marie Steward, a recent recipient of the Adams County Democratic Party's 2007 Life-Time Achievement Award. I am pleased to recognize her service and the many contributions she has made to her community.

Although her work in the Democratic Party has been a major part of her civic involvement, it is not her partisan work that I want to acknowledge so much as it is her long involvement in the civic life of Adams County. In fact, if there could be a "Mrs. Adams County," it is Marie Steward. She is well known in Adams County through her involvement with her family, her neighborhood, organized labor and community activities.

Marie was born the youngest of eleven children in Minor, Kansas to John and Lena O'Brien. Her family lost their farm during the Great Depression and moved to live with her Uncle Benjamin. Marie graduated from Brewster High School, and has fond memories from this time of taking the train to Denver and stopping at the historic Oxford Hotel. She later moved to Sand Point, Idaho after marrying Mike Steward, a young man serving in the Navy. When Mike was discharged from service in World War II, he worked as a machinist for Ringsby Trucking, a company that owned the basketball team that later became the Denver Nuggets—and a team my father, Mo, used to play for. Mike and Marie were regular attendees at the games, and Marie was a key member of the Prospectors, a booster club for the team. She also volunteered at St. Vincent's Home for Orphans, where, thanks to Marie, no child ever went without a gift at Christmas.

Marie became politically active in northern Denver when she volunteered with her colleagues, Eileen Ray and Dolores Dickman. In 1954, the Stewards bought one of the first brick houses in Thornton, a new development project that was targeted for returning World War II soldiers and their families. Marie used skills learned in Denver politics and became a precinct committee person with her neighbor and long-time activist, Ed Lappart.

For many years, Marie 'ran' the Adams County Democratic Party Headquarters. She produced candidate literature and published the county newsletter, the GADFLY. Rumor has it that many Republicans would often drop by for a visit to see what Marie was serving volunteers for lunch. Marie made headquarters a fun place, and with her experience as a leader in the International Machinists Auxiliary, Marie served many meals and taught the basics of political participation.

She was elected as a delegate to county, congressional, and state committees, assemblies and conventions. At a mini-convention in Kansas City, Marie once met and dined with a young man named Warren Beatty. He told people later that he liked to "pal around" with Marie because she treated him like she treated everyone—for Marie every person is a celebrity.

Today, Marie's family includes her son Jim, who is retired from IBM/Lexmark and shares Marie's Thornton home; her daughter Anita; her husband Gary McCulloch and their four daughters and grandchildren. Not to be forgotten is "Cookie" the family rat terrier, who Marie walks several times during the day.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging Marie Steward for her involvement in public life and for her bipartisan interest in treating people well.

She is an example of the heroic generation and an advocate of those values, like hard work and compassion for others, that represent the very best in politics—values that both Republicans and Democrats can celebrate together.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LYNN KLEIMAN MALINOFF, THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2007 WOMEN OF WESTLAND ATHENA AWARD

### HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Dr. Lynn Kleiman Malinoff, the recipient of the 2007 Women of Westland ATHENA Award.

Each year, the Women of Westland organization recognizes exemplary women in Wayne-Westland, Michigan, who have succeeded in reaching their full leadership potential. This year, Lynn is recognized for improving the lives of countless women in our community. In addition to being the Special Education Counselor at the Tinkham Center in the Wayne-Westland School District, she serves as a role model to female high school students through the Youth Mentorship Program, a program she initiated seventeen years ago to help children from disadvantaged homes. Lynn also assists women in families affected by alcoholism and volunteers at her Synagogue to mentor and work with adolescents and their parents.

For her legendary commitment to bettering our community, Lynn was recognized with the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention Award. The Institute for Museum & Library Services also recognized Lynn's Youth Mentorship Program at the White House. Her efforts have succeeded in promoting educated, strong, and independent families who can also achieve their full potential.

Madam Speaker, on February 10, 2007, Lynn's selfless dedication to the women, children, and families of Wayne-Westland will be duly recognized with the Women of Westland's highest commendation, the ATHERNA Award. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding her work and in honoring her tireless service to our community and our country.

### HONORING JAMES "AVON" FOGLE

### HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to James "Avon" Fogle, a constituent from my home district, who is retiring this month as a veterans service officer at the "My Old Kentucky Home" American Legion Post 121.

A lifelong resident of Nelson County, Mr. Fogle graduated from Holy Cross High School in Holy Cross, KY and served his country as a United States Marine during World War II. He has been a member of the Bardstown American Legion Post 121 for the past 38 years, serving as a veterans service officer for the past 12 years. In this capacity he has spent many Friday mornings providing counseling and guidance to local veterans in need of assistance.

Mr. Fogle's devotion to others in his community extends well beyond his work at the American Legion. He is also a regular volun-

teer at the local St. Vincent DePaul Society and continues to serve as an election official for the Nelson County government.

It is my great privilege to honor James "Avon" Fogle today before the entire U.S. House of Representatives for his dedicated service to our Nation as well as to veterans and neighbors in the Bardstown community. He is an outstanding citizen worthy of our collective honor and respect.

RECOGNIZING ANDERSON'S FROZEN CUSTARD ON BEING NAMED THE CHEEKTOWAGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2007 SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Anderson's Frozen Custard as the recipient of the 41st Small Business of the Year award, given by the Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce. Anderson's Frozen Custard has been given this honor because of the devoted efforts of its founders, Carl and Greta Anderson, who have transformed their small business into a successful and generous establishment in Western New York.

Carl, a Navy veteran, Greta, and their children Nels, Keith, and Holly Anderson, have transformed Anderson's Frozen Custard from a small New York City custard stand to a thriving business with several locations throughout Western New York due to their hard work and savvy business sense. The Andersons can credit much of their success to their ability to adapt their business to changing times and locations, as well as their dedication to making Anderson's a success.

Not only has Anderson's Frozen Custard succeed in the business world, but the company has also contributed to the Western New York community. Anderson's has worked to raise funds for organizations such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Camp Good Days and Special Times, and local schools. This commitment to maintaining both a successful business and community indicates the mark of a business deserving of this honor.

Madam Speaker, I ask that congratulations be extended to Anderson's Frozen Custard in receiving this honor because of its outstanding achievements in business and dedication to improving the lives of Western New York residents.

### IN RECOGNITION OF CATHERINE BOHAN

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Catherine Bohan, for her outstanding efforts in educating children, and for her lifelong commitment to family, colleagues, and friends.

Cathy has educated and enlightened our children and prepared them for life's journey

for approximately 40 years, including 13 years at Saint Richard School where she currently teaches third grade. She has proven herself a wonderful teacher, colleague and friend. Not only does she teach at Saint Richard School, but she also makes a tremendous contribution as member of the Liturgy Committee, a Eucharistic Minister, a Praxis Pathwise Mentor, and a member of the Retreat Committee.

Likewise, her services to Saint Clarence Church as RCIA Leader, Eucharistic Minister, PSR Teacher and Pre-Cana organizer while at the same time raising three beautiful children, is truly admirable. She has been married to her beloved husband, Patrick, for 30 years.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Catherine Bohan for her long and successful career as an educator and for her dedication to and care for the future generations of Northeast Ohio.

HONORING VIRGINIA HINSHAW OF  
DAVIS, CALIFORNIA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work of Virginia Hinshaw during her time as Provost and Executive Vice-Chancellor at the University of California, Davis. In this role, Dr. Hinshaw has provided superb guidance to the ongoing development and refinement of the University's academic program while overseeing many aspects of campus financial and operational planning. Dr. Hinshaw has made significant contributions to the UC Davis Community and she will be missed as she continues her career as Chancellor at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Dr. Hinshaw received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Auburn in 1966 and 1967, before working as a clinical microbiologist at the Medical College of Virginia. She returned to Auburn and received her Ph.D. in microbiology in 1973. She spent the next decade studying influenza viruses in humans, other mammals, and particularly migratory birds. She has studied the markers of transmission for individual viruses, and conducted early research on identifying markers of interspecies transmission of these viruses.

In 1985 Dr. Hinshaw was hired as an associate professor at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where she was recognized with a number of awards honoring her unusually vibrant teaching and participation in the larger community of Madison. After promotion to professor in 1988, she served first as an Associate Dean for Research before being appointed Associate Vice-Chancellor in 1994. In 1995 she was promoted to Vice Chancellor for Research, and she was in charge of research and graduate education, overseeing thousands of students.

Dr. Hinshaw arrived at UC Davis in 2001, and has directed a wide variety of programs and departments during her time there. As sole member of the governing body of the UC Davis health system, she has helped direct the continued development of programs at the UC Davis Medical Center while also ensuring that it has remained financially sound. In addition, the medical school has opened a number of new facilities during her tenure. Her work on campus has been visible through the replacement of temporary classroom buildings

with more permanent facilities, including increasing the number of teaching labs for undergraduates.

In addition to her accomplishments as an administrator, Dr. Hinshaw is well known around the university for providing a personal touch to the administration. Many people have commented on her empathy and interest in working with individuals to help resolve their problems, and each year she took the additional step of teaching a freshman seminar where she could engage younger students.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Dr. Virginia Hinshaw for her leadership and vision during her time as Provost and Vice-Chancellor at UC Davis. Her work has led the development of the university in many different areas, and even as she moves on, her work will continue to yield great rewards for the community.

TRIBUTE TO BRENDA J. LUSSIER

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Brenda J. Lussier, as she retires from a distinguished career at the Novi Public Library in Novi, Michigan.

For twenty seven years, Brenda has tirelessly worked to improve our community with enhanced library services. Prior to working at the Novi Public Library, she graduated from the University of Michigan where she earned a Bachelor's degree in English and a Master's Degree in Library Science. On September 24, 1979, Brenda began working at Novi Public Library as Head of Reference, and later ascended to Director on April 8, 1985. She is a member of the American Library Association and the Michigan Library Association, and participated in the Michigan Library Association Leadership Academy from 1989 to 1991.

Brenda is credited with enhancing the quality of life in Novi by expanding library services in innovative ways. During her tenure, she served on various committees of The Library Network, including the Steering Committee. She also served on various committees of the Michigan Library Association, such as Chairwoman of the Public Library Division and the Management and Administration Division. As a member of the Novi Rotary Club, Brenda compiled the club newsletter for several years and was presented with the Paul Harris Fellowship Award in 2003 for her distinguished service. She has also received a national award for Intellectual Freedom from the Public Library Association and Novi's People's Choice Award in 2002 as the "best librarian for her grace, leadership, and commitment to public service under a barrage of demands from the information-hungry in Novi."

Madam Speaker, Brenda is a compassionate leader and visionary who's passion for excellence and support for a robust library system has positively impacted our Novi Community. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Brenda for twenty seven years of loyalty and dedication to the Novi Public Library, and in applauding her legendary service to our community and our country.

RECOGNIZING CATHOLIC HEALTH SYSTEM HOME CARE UPON BEING NAMED CHEEKTOWAGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2007 LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Catholic Health Systems Home Care as the 41st recipient of the Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce's Large Business of the Year award. Catholic Health Systems Home Care has maintained a commitment to providing superb health care assistance, both physical and spiritual, for residents of Western New York over the past 20 years.

During these 20 years of caring for the Western New York community, Catholic Health System Home Care has grown into three thriving companies dedicated to meeting the company's fundamental goal of providing health care that allows individuals to maintain independence in their own homes.

Not only has the Catholic Health Care Systems improved the physical and spiritual well-being of Western New Yorkers, it also provides jobs to over 400 residents and supports community events such as school supply drives, assisting the American Red Cross Blood Drive, and participating in the United Way Day of Caring, demonstrating an outstanding commitment to the Western New York community.

Catholic Health System Home Care's dedication to excellence can be seen in its many other honors, such as the Catholic Health Association Sharing Innovation Award, IPRO "Recognized Improvement in Patient Outcomes," and Outcome Concept System Vision Award. Catholic Health System Home Care had also been recognized by Business First as one of the best places to work in Western New York.

Madam Speaker, I stand here today to recognize with pride the accomplishments of Catholic Health System Home Care as a leader in providing care to the residents of Western New York.

SUPPORTING H.R. 811, VOTE CONFIDENCE AND INCREASED ACCESSIBILITY ACT

**HON. JOE SESTAK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 811, the Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act. This is an excellent, and much needed piece of legislation.

The right to vote is no doubt one of the cornerstones of our democracy, if not its greatest measurement. Through casting a vote, the voice of the people is made manifest in one simple, single act. President Johnson thought so highly of voting that he was quoted as saying it was "the most powerful instrument ever devised by man." Consequently, every effort must be utilized to ensure this process is as efficient and as fail proof as it possibly can be.

The 2000 elections undermined the confidence of voters as the saga of counting ballots and tallying votes lingered for months. As a result, the call for election reform implemented the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), which provided funding for election administration and electronic voting machines. This act was a giant step in the right direction of assuring voter security, and voter confidence.

However, the elections of 2004 exposed once again a call for further action. An estimated 50 million voters cast their ballots on the electronic voter machines that lacked a voter-verified paper audit trail. This leaves no mechanism to verify or resolve reported voter tallies. Simply put, this is unacceptable.

Madam Speaker—H.R. 811 takes aim at resolving this very problem. It mandates an independent audit mechanism, which means that every voter will verify on a permanent paper ballot his or her vote. And in order to ensure this is carried out in the right manner, this bill provides necessary funding and oversight.

With another Presidential election on the horizon, it is vitally important that we restore the confidence of voters across this nation. Every citizen must be heard, and thus their every vote must be recorded. I urge my colleagues to support this bill and ensure that the voice of Americans is never again placed in doubt.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE AND EXAMPLE OF CAPTAIN ROBERT E. CLARK

#### HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert E. Clark, a decorated Captain in the United States Navy, and native of the 16th Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

At a commencement ceremony later today, Captain Clark will be inducted into West Chester East High School's Hall of Fame—a deserving honor for a devoted servant of our great Nation. While a student at East High School, Clark was a scholar athlete—maintaining excellent grades while lettering in football, basketball, and track.

After graduation, Clark went on to attend the United States Naval Academy—the first graduate of West Chester East ever to do so. Since graduating from Annapolis, Clark has honorably served his country as an officer in the Navy's submarine fleet.

He has received several personal decorations for his distinguished service, including the prestigious Legion of Merit.

I thank Captain Clark for his selfless service to our Nation, and I congratulate him on his well-earned induction into West Chester East's Hall of Fame. He has set a fine example for our next generation of young leaders to follow.

#### CELEBRATING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHEMICAL ABSTRACTS SERVICE (CAS)

#### HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Chemical Abstracts Service, an American scientific institution and world's largest compendium of information on chemical substances.

Located in Columbus, Ohio, adjacent to the campus of Ohio State University, what is now called Chemical Abstracts Service, or "CAS" as it is popularly known, was founded in 1907 when a collaboration of leading chemists partnered with the American Chemical Society to begin publishing a new journal called Chemical Abstracts.

One hundred years later, Chemical Abstracts is recognized around the world as a leading source of indexed scientific literature and contains more than 27 million bibliographic records related to the chemical sciences. Its sister resource, the CAS Registry, comprises more than 32 million unique entries for chemical substances. These two massive and integrated databases, along with a wealth of related resources on chemistry and chemical reactions, form the backbone of today's Chemical Abstract Service. Scientists, information professionals, and academicians around the world access these databases daily through online services that have revolutionized the way scientists conduct research.

Speaking of the value of CAS services, 2005 Nobel Laureate in chemistry, Dr. Robert Grubbs, said, "CAS databases streamline the investigative process, allowing you to take an idea and rapidly find the important and necessary information before you forget about the idea or it loses its excitement. That really is invaluable."

This year CAS celebrates its 100th anniversary as a strong, vibrant national scientific treasure: fully electronic, web-enabled, and still growing every day. This month, CAS is being designated a National Historic Chemical Landmark and it is my honor to recognize this great scientific institution and wish CAS good luck for its next 100 years.

#### HONORING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS FOR THE STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE

#### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Buffalo and Western New York letter carriers who are part of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC).

This month, NALC collected more than 70 million pounds of food for local food banks, pantries, and shelters to help needy families as part of its nationwide "Stamp Out Hunger" drive. I would like to specifically recognize the Branch 3 carriers in Buffalo and Western New York for collecting more than 2 million pounds

of donations, placing them as the top NALC local branch in the drive for the fifth consecutive year.

With one in five American children living in poverty, we must all do our part to end hunger. I am proud of the efforts that these hard-working men and women have taken to better their community and I ask that all Americans join in the effort to stamp out hunger.

#### TRIBUTE TO MR. RHYS LEWIS

#### HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Mr. Rhys Lewis upon his receipt of the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee's 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Throughout nearly seven decades, Mr. Lewis has served our nation with distinction. As a United States Marine Corps Sergeant, he defended our liberty in the South Pacific during World War II before returning home and marrying Ruth M. Lewis in 1947. Then, in 1958, Rhys was elected a Republican precinct delegate and, ultimately, a Redford Charter Township Trustee. In addition to his loyal public service, Mr. Lewis has been Chairman of Redford Civil Affairs and of the Wayne 17th Congressional District Republicans.

Rhys is a pillar of the Michigan Republican party, who has served on the Michigan GOP State Committee for eight years and in the Redford Republican party as for a decade. As a result of his loyalty to liberty and courage of his convictions, Rhys has enriched the lives of others and established a honorable legacy of courage, leadership and service.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of his legendary contributions to the Michigan Republican party and of his lifetime of extraordinary achievements, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Rhys Lewis for his tireless service to our community and our country.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, due to inclement weather, my flight to Washington, D.C. was delayed, and I regrettably missed rollcall votes 448–450. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall No. 448, "yea;" rollcall No. 449, "yea;" rollcall No. 450, "yea."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably absent yesterday afternoon, June 11, on very urgent business. Had I been present for the three votes which occurred yesterday evening, I would have



voted "aye" on H.R. 2356, rollcall vote No. 448; I would have voted "aye" on S. 676, rollcall vote No. 449; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 418, rollcall vote No. 450.

RECOGNITION OF RABBI JAY ROSENBAUM AND THE NORTH AMERICAN BOARD OF RABBIS GERMAN-AMERICAN JEWISH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Madam Speaker, Today, I rise to commend Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum and the North American Board of Rabbis (NABOR) on the fifth anniversary of the German-American Jewish youth exchange program.

NABOR has brought together young high school students from Germany for an exchange program with American Jewish youth living in a variety of cities and suburbs throughout the United States. The students have learned about each other's cultures and traditions and in the process established close and enduring bonds of friendship. They meet not only other students participating in the exchange programs but also the larger population of teenagers in their schools. The result is that over tens of thousands of young people in Germany and the United States have been touched by this program which has gone far in increasing understanding of two very rich cultures.

It is with real pleasure that I recognize Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum, who serves as the Spiritual Leader of Temple Israel of Lawrence, the oldest synagogue in Long Island. Rabbi Rosenbaum has been a leader in the Jewish community for over 30 years, and has been recognized for both the outstanding services he provides as a Congregational Rabbi as well as for work on his behalf of International Jewry and human rights. Rabbi Rosenbaum was the founder of the NABOR exchange. He was also among the leaders six years ago of a delegation of 50 Rabbis who visited Berlin to establish a closer relationship with the Jewish community, business community and leaders of the society in Germany.

This year the North American Board of Rabbis is bestowing its Tikkun Olam award to Mr. Jan Carendi, Chairman of Allianz of America, and Mr. Ernst Lieb, President of Mercedes-Benz USA. Both Allianz and Mercedes Benz have distinguished themselves as enlightened companies that have supported the exchange program since its inception. Operating on a global platform, they have a tradition of striving to improve relations and understanding between German and the Jewish communities throughout the world. The award was presented at a ceremony hosted by Dr. Hans-Juergen Heimsoeth, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in New York City, which has also played a prominent role in support of the exchange program.

Madam Speaker, Germany has moved a long way from the dark days of the Third Reich and now has the fastest growing Jewish population in Europe. It is important for students to learn that past but also to develop an understanding of the dynamic positive changes taking place within German society. I

therefore am pleased to recognize the great contributions being made by Rabbi Rosenbaum and the North American Board of Rabbis.

IN HONOR OF THE STUDENT GRADUATES OF THE D.A.R.E. PROGRAM

**HON. SCOTT GARRETT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, today, the township of Washington and borough of Westwood Police Departments will hold a D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony. Nearly 200 students are participating in this important program that gives young people the support they need to say no to drugs, underage drinking, and gang violence. Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or D.A.R.E., began as a small program in Los Angeles in 1983. Today, it is implemented in more than 75 percent of our Nation's school districts and in more than 43 other nations. It uses positive peer pressure to help children defeat the negative cultural influences that bombard them daily. I am proud of the young boys and girls who participated in this program in these communities, and I would like to recognize them all for taking this step toward positive citizenship.

Michaela Bermudez, Michael Bonhard, Sabrina Di Costanzo, Maureen Drivick, Amber Hermanns, Mariel Hohmann, Gabriella Khalil, Tyler Kocher, Xhenette Koci, Gina Lagomarsino, Connor McCarron, John Meluso, William Mitchell, Kathryn Neary, Sara Nestrowitz, Andrew Paterson, Matthew Rivera, Steven Shanley, Gregory Smith, Vincent Soccodato, Amanda Sonntag, Tie Stutzer, Dana Tannariello, Nile Tracy, Erin Wholey, Abigail Blumkin, Kirstyn Brendlen, Craig Carmilani, Ryan DeLoughry, Tristan DiMaria, Chiara Ferrari Wong, Justin Hrbek, Ethan Isaac, Caner Kardesoglu, Rebecca Koch, Patrick Korkuch, Bridget Kramer, Kylie Kuizema, Tess LaSala, Ryan Liggio, Matthew Macchione, Adrian Mena, Alycia Monaco, Corinne Myers, Scott Oberhelman, Justine Park, Samantha Roth, Jason Solomon, Raechel Sontag, Michelle Stewart, Roney Amir, Yessica Barrantes, Evan Botterman, Manuel Bravo, Maxwell Brungardt, Morgan Hans, Sabrina Herzing, Erin Hunter, Larysa Iwaskiw, Harrison Johnson, Marilyn Johnson, Jennifer Kang, Minseok Kim, Susana Londono Vasco, Marcela Ortiz, Alesia Passaro, Alison Pimpinella, Larry Pirone, Catherine Saunders, Jessica Sheldon, Michael Wiegman, Lee Wilson, Tyler Yurkin, Armando Amador, Paul Antonick, Michael Best, Kathy Billas, Paris Birkner, Slater Brown, Melissa Bui, Hana Butler, Alyssa Foss, James Giordano, Meghan Harrington, Ryan Mansfield, Ryan McKinley, Emilie McLaughlin, Chelsea Moriarty, Kailee Oakes, Gabriela Paredes, Ankira Patel, Sandy Restrepo, Troy Ribitzki, Maria Rosca, Alex Ruiz, Nicole Scordo, Cynthia Smith, Elias Bermudez, Erin Bianchi, Alyssa Blundo, Frank Cofone, Ryan Dahm, Raven Donahue, Ashley Driscoll, Lisa Firriolo, Rachel Fischer, Travis Gallo, Kristen Greenstein, Ryan Liddy, Karine Liu, David Londono Vasco, Allison Maskin, Zachary Miro, Michael Miuccio, Megan Robinson, Tierney Rosen, Jason Sangastiano, Travis Segarra, Alexandra Serpikov, Sam Zitomer, Vanessa Beulel,

Maria Campos, Joseph Corra, Nina D' Ambrosio, Amy Dadamo, Jennifer Dunn, Brandon Eo, Andrew Ferreira, Keith Haas, Mechele Hudspeth, Jennifer Keri, Matthew Kornhauser, Vikas Lohana, Kiyoshi Lopez, Samantha Malnick, Robert Marino, Kyle Marshall, Christian Merkle, Taylor Meyers, Rachel Mosca, Denece Oliver, Ashley Puk, Robert Schroeder, Cassandra Trovini, Faviola Vivar, Jake Campanella, Andrew Cirillo, Robert Ciringione, Christopher DeTitta, Elise Fedele, Renee Gioe, Olivia Guerriero, Darian Henry, Samuel Hutchinson, Brittany Kanabar, Colin Keating, Aracelis Lombardi, Michael LoSardo, Scott Loverich, Adina Millman, Kahna Miyoshi, Kayla Navarro, Kumal Nekiwal, Emiri Nezu, Brendan O'Sullivan, Jessica Potestivo, Paige Rios, Phillip Sabbagh, Joseph Sabbers, Samuel Bernhardt, Zachary Charkonis, Natasha Collova, Alex Contreras, Elliott Cortes, Hope Di Pasquale, Jessica Easterbrook, Victoria Geimke, Emily Griffin, Michael Haas, Samantha Lewis, Quinton Long, Lauren Marsiglia, Luke Mazzarini, Nicholas Napoli, Jaime Pallatta, Chelsea Pate, John Rivera, Jacqueline Romeo, Joseph Scotto, Michael Spezial, Janell Spigner, Ryan Stapleton, Andrew Toto.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL MARK KIDD

**HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. MCCOTTER. Madam Speaker, I am here today with my colleague Mike Rogers to extend our sincerest gratitude to Corporal Mark Kidd—a son, grandson, brother, Marine and American—for his service to our nation, and to extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends. As a friend of the family it is very difficult for us to try to serve the dual roles that, in many ways, you helped give us on this sorrowful day.

Mark, as we all know, grew up cradled in the arms of his loved ones and strengthened here in the cradle of liberty. When he was called to serve he served in the defense of his nation, not by oppressing his fellow human beings in foreign lands, but by bringing emancipation to them so that they, too, could yearn to breathe free. It is in such a way of service to our fellow human beings that we honor not only our nation, but more importantly, we honor the universal spirit of a loving God who created us all. Thus, it is important that we remember, even as we grieve today, how we are all frail ephemeral human beings, groping through this veil of tears toward the infinite eternal perfection of the loving God, who created and awaits us all. It is a daunting calling, then, that we must answer; to strive, suffer and serve on behalf of our fellow human beings.

But Mark was not daunted. Mark accepted this challenge and he devotedly, courageously, and honorably strove to help free an entire people. Now he is cradled in the arms of our loving God and, no doubt, having not slumbered through this earthly life he may truly say with joyous rapture; now God be thanked, who has matched us with his hour and caught our youth and wakened us from sleeping.

Thank you and may God continue to bless you, Corporal Mark Kidd—beloved son, grandson, brother, Marine, American.



IN TRIBUTE TO LUCY BENOIT  
LEGER ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. CHARLES BOUSTANY, JR.**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. BOUSTANY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to send birthday wishes from the Congress to Lucy Benoit Leger on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Born in 1907, Ms. Leger is the mother of two children. Her husband, Elliott, worked tirelessly as a barber so that she could remain at home to raise their son and daughter.

In 100 years many things have changed in southwest Louisiana. One constant is the value and joy we find in our families. I am pleased that Lucy's family and friends will gather June 16 to celebrate this joyous occasion.

I offer my best wishes for continued good health to Lucy Benoit Leger.

IN RECOGNITION OF LEMOYNE  
COLLEGE MEN'S LACROSSE TEAM

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to praise the LeMoyne College Men's Lacrosse team on winning their second consecutive Division II National Championship on May 27, 2007.

The LeMoyne College Dolphin's capped their season in dramatic fashion, scoring the game winning goal with only one second remaining on the clock to defeat Mercyhurst College by a score of 6-5. At the conclusion of their season the Dolphin's record stood at an impressive 15-2. The LeMoyne College Lacrosse team had five student-athletes selected to the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association All-American teams.

On behalf of the people of the 25th District of New York, I congratulate Head Coach Dan Sheehan, Assistant Coaches Rich Barnes, Brian Datellas, Eric MacCaull, Rob Trowbridge, and the players of the LeMoyne College Men's Lacrosse Team:

Jared Corcoran, Nick Gatto, Alex Bily, Markus Fallico, Brian Cost, Tim Spillet, Jamie Dodge, Brian Griffin, Tim MacLean, Drew Bezek, Matt Juriga, Matt Emerson, Jordan Witt, Keith Vetter, and Brian Welch.

Paul Sullivan, Ed Street, Mike McDonald, Doug McIver, Pete Gibbons, Blake Gale, Mike Rabbit, Tom Donahue, Kevin Kohl, Brad Wolken, Matt Crandall, Marc Cizenski, Mike McLaughlin, Dan Brown, and Jeff Lewis.

Joe Vincent, Jesse Demase, Russ Oechsle, Brian Orlando, Mike Cignarale, Dustin Mulcahey, Andre Carducci, Mike Malone, Matt Cassalia, Dan Ziegler, Pat O'Donnell, Pat McPartlin, and Matt Foster.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately yesterday, June 11, 2007, I was unable to cast my votes on the following bills.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 448 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2356, to encourage the display of the flag of the United States on Father's Day, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 449 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 676, to provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 450 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 418, recognizing and welcoming the delegation of Presidents, Prime Ministers, and Foreign Ministers from the Caribbean to Washington, DC, and commending the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) for holding the Conference on the Caribbean, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. THOMAS H. ALLEN**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, on June 10, 2007, I was unavoidably absent from the Capitol. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 448, a motion by Ms. BALDWIN to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2356, a bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to encourage the display of the flag of the United States on Father's Day.

I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 449, a motion by Mr. FALCONE to suspend the rules and pass S. 676, a resolution to provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation.

I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 450, a motion by Mr. FALCONE to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 418, a resolution recognizing and welcoming the delegation of Presidents, Prime Ministers, and Foreign Ministers from the Caribbean to Washington, D.C., and commending the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) for holding the Conference on the Caribbean.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. DOROTHY GAY

**HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. MCCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Mrs. Dorothy

Gay, upon her retirement from the Highland Lakes Condominiums Board of Directors after thirty-six years of dedicated service.

Throughout her life, Dorothy has striven to better our community. Born and raised in Detroit, she wrote stories for the Northeastern High School newspaper and later graduated from Wayne State University with a Bachelors Degree in Political Science. As a secretary in the Veterans Office at Wayne State University, she met Alva Gay, an English professor specializing in Shakespeare and modern novels, who Dorothy married in 1948 for 48 years until his death. Following graduation, in 1947, she joined the Detroit Police Department where she served in the Woman's Division. During her 25-year career, she investigated sex offenses against delinquent, neglected, and abused females, and for her dedication she was promoted to Sergeant, then Lieutenant, and finally Inspector in charge of the Division.

Since then, Dorothy has proudly served as a leader in our community. Later, in 1973, she moved to Highland Lakes and joined the Condominiums Board of Directors. In the early 1980s, Dorothy was named to the Northville Township Planning Commission and she is a member of the Board of Directors for Heartline, a Detroit halfway house for female offenders on parole. Dorothy has also been a volunteer peer counselor at the Women's Resource Center at the Schoolcraft College for Women and has served as President, Vice President, Secretary and Editor and Board Liaison for the Herald. For her dedication to our community, the 1960s Detroit Free Press named Dorothy "Woman of the Year."

Madam Speaker, after 36 tireless years, Dorothy will be retiring from the Highland Lakes Condominiums Board of Directors. In honor of her leadership and unwavering dedication to the citizens of Michigan, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Dorothy Gay for years of loyal service to our community and our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I regret that I did not vote on rollcall votes 448, 449, and 450 on June 11, 2007. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Aye" on rollcall No. 448 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2356 that would amend title 4, United States Code, to encourage the display of the flag of the United States on Father's Day;

"Aye" on rollcall No. 449 on motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 676, which would provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation;

"Aye" on rollcall No. 450 on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 418, recognizing and welcoming the delegation of Presidents, Prime Ministers, and Foreign Ministers from the Caribbean to Washington, DC, and commending the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) for holding the Conference on the Caribbean.

RECOGNIZING HIS EXCELLENCY  
KANAT SAUDABAYEV ON HIS AP-  
POINTMENT AS SECRETARY OF  
STATE FOR THE REPUBLIC OF  
KAZAKHSTAN

**HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVEAGA**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. FALEOMAVEAGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to insert into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a letter signed by 24 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in recognition of our dear friend, His Excellency Kanat Saudabayev, who on May 15, 2007, was appointed by President Nursultan Nazarbayev as Secretary of State for the Republic of Kazakhstan. Prior to his appointment, His Excellency Saudabayev served as Ambassador of Kazakhstan to the United States.

In gratitude for his service, in honor of his appointment, and with confidence that he will spare no effort in serving the people of Kazakhstan, we include the following letter to be made part of our Congressional history:

His Excellency KANAT SAUDABAYEV,  
*Secretary of State, Republic of Kazakhstan,*  
*Ak Orda, Astana.*

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: It is with pleasure that we commend you on your new appointment as Secretary of State of the Republic of Kazakhstan which we note is one of the highest positions in your country which ranks fifth in seniority, behind the President, the Prime Minister and the Speakers of both Houses.

We also applaud your six and a half years of service in Washington as Ambassador of Kazakhstan to the United States. During your tenure, you advanced U.S.-Kazakhstan relations by strengthening friendship between our peoples and cooperation between our countries. The United States and the people of Kazakhstan have much to be proud of from your long career of selfless service.

We acknowledge your invaluable contributions as a distinguished diplomat and esteemed statesman, and we are confident that in your new position you will take an active part in fostering our strategic partnership.

We wish you well and convey to you our sincere appreciation for your service. You will be missed.

Sincerely,

Tom Lantos, Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, Eni F.H. Faleomavaega, Chairman, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, Alcee L. Hastings, Chairman, U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Chris Cannon, Jim McDermott, Phil English, Darrell E. Issa, Robert Wexler, Pete Sessions, Jim Saxton.

Patrick J. Tiberi; Shelley Berkley; Madeline Z. Bordallo; Maurice D. Hinchey; Albio Sires; Charlie Melancon; Robert D. Aderholt; Tom Price; Edolphus Towns; Gregory W. Meeks; Howard P. "Buck" McKeon; Ellen O. Tauscher; Eddie Bernice Johnson; Donna M. Christensen.

**AIR FORCE HEALTH STUDY/  
OPERATION RANCH HAND**

**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to

ensure that the assets, including electronic data files and biological specimens on all participants in the Air Force Health Study, are transferred to the Medical Follow-Up Agency from the Air Force Health Study and are maintained, managed, and made available as a resource for future research for the benefit of veterans and their families, and for other humanitarian purposes.

This legislation is a companion to legislation introduced in the Senate by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs Chairman, DANIEL AKAKA.

Operation Ranch Hand was the military code name for the spraying of herbicides from U. S. Air Force aircraft in Southeast Asia from 1962 through 1971. During this time, Ranch Hand sprayed about 19 million gallons of herbicide, 11 million of which consisted of Agent Orange. The spray fell mostly on the forests of South Vietnam, but some was used in Laos, and some killed crops to deprive Vietcong and North Vietnamese troops of food. In all, Ranch Hand sprayed herbicide over about 6 million acres.

The Air Force Health Study (AFHS)—also known as the Ranch Hand Study—was initiated by the U.S. Air Force in 1979 to assess the possible health effects of military personnel's exposure to Agent Orange and other chemical defoliants sprayed during the Vietnam War, some of which contained dioxin.

The initial physical examination and surveying of study subjects was conducted in 1982 and subsequent cycles were conducted in 1985, 1987, 1992, 1997, and 2002. The data from the physical examinations should not be lost, and in fact, should be available to researchers for the benefit of all.

My bill is consistent with the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine's report on the disposition of the study. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

**TRIBUTE TO MS. PATRICIA  
"PATTIE" COUGHLAN**

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Ms. Patricia "Pattie" Coughlan upon her receipt of the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee's 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Throughout her career, Ms. Coughlan has dedicated herself to bettering our community. As an active member of the Suburban Republican Women's Club since 1985, she has assisted in the election of qualified and capable leaders—with perhaps one notable Congressional exception currently serving—to public office at the local, county, state, and federal levels. She is credited with the creation of the redoubtable and renowned Suburban Republican Women's Club newsletter, for which she is currently the Editor-in-Chief.

Ms. Coughlan has also served in various senior leadership positions of the Club, in which she has promoted the ideas and principles of fiscal responsibility, equal opportunity, and responsive governance. Through her devotion to Republican principles, Patti continues to ennoble and enlighten our world.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Coughlan's legendary dedication to the founding principles of our

great democracy and her tireless efforts to perpetuate America's revolutionary experiment in human freedom are an inspiration to all. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Patricia "Pattie" Coughlan upon her receipt of the 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award and in recognizing her selfless service to our community and our country.

**VETERAN'S DAY POEM**

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor our country's veterans with a poem by my constituent, Jack Richards.

VETERAN'S DAY FOR SGT. JOSHUA P. MORGAN,  
USMC

I think of your valor  
In being willing to take a stand for liberty  
I am speechless  
In light of your bravery  
I know your type  
Is not charmed, by show-offs, in the ranks  
Nonetheless  
Please, lower your guard for a moment  
And hear a grateful nation's thanks  
It's not the battles you fight, it's signing the  
line, saying you will.

**HONORING PROJECT INSTAR AND  
DR. GENEVIEVE HEALY**

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Project INSTAR and Dr. Genevieve Healy, its director. Dr. Healy was a middle school teacher in Ohio before pursuing a masters degree at the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. During her graduate studies, Dr. Healy foresaw a potential benefit for K-12 teachers through research being performed at the Rosenstiel School. She introduced a collaboration between professors, graduate students, and K-12 public school teachers.

With the help of her professors, Dr. Peter Swart, current chairman of marine geology, and Dr. Michael Grammar, at the time an assistant professor with the Rosenstiel School, Dr. Healy initiated Project INSTAR in 1997. This concept brought local public school science teachers from Miami-Dade County to the University of Miami where they had the opportunity to perform research side by side with graduate students and their professors. Ten years later, this program's success has been made possible in large part due to Dr. Healy's dedication and efforts. With the University of Miami's generous support, this initiative continues to grow.

The Rosenstiel School, located in proximity to so many vital natural resources on Virginia Key, enhances the learning experience of its graduate students through substantial research opportunities. Project INSTAR seeks to help public school teachers gain hands-on knowledge of ocean sciences through their close involvement with this research. It annually invites fifty K–12 teachers from public schools in Miami-Dade County to participate in the program.

This year marks its 10th anniversary. I would like to reiterate its significance as one of the top science programs, which actively enhances the development of K–12 teachers. Engagement in this Institute helps teachers implement their experiences at Project INSTAR into their own curriculum, benefiting countless public school students in science classes.

I am grateful to the many professors and school teachers who have made Project INSTAR a reality. This innovative program spreads opportunity for hands-on experience to so many teachers. I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Dr. Healy and everyone who has participated in this unique partnership.

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TRIBUTE TO COACH MIKE  
CAMERON

**HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, in Ohio and elsewhere this week, thousands of Americans are saluting the contributions of a great coaching legend. Mike Cameron, the longtime baseball coach at Moeller High School in Cincinnati, OH, has announced his retirement after 39 seasons—bringing to a close what the Cincinnati Enquirer has aptly described as “one of the greatest high school coaching careers in Ohio history.”

Coach Cameron compiled a record of 767–303 during his career as coach of the Moeller Crusader baseball team, a record that includes four state championships. His retirement announcement came just weeks after he reached a key milestone in his decorated coaching career: on April 30, 2007, Coach Cameron became the “All-time Winningest” Division I baseball coach in Ohio history with a win against LaSalle High School at the new Crosley Field in Blue Ash, OH.

The numbers tell a great story, but not the whole story. As a member of the Moeller High School Class of 1968—one of our school's first graduating classes—I've known Mike for decades. Before he became the baseball coach at Moeller, Mike was an assistant football coach under another Moeller legend, Gerry Faust, where he coached me during my junior and senior years. We also knew each other through our neighbors and our mutual interest in community service.

Since my graduation nearly 40 years ago, I've watched Moeller build a proud national reputation for all-around excellence in Catholic education, and Mike has always been a big part of it. The Moeller tradition emphasizes

students' growth in all areas—academic growth, athletic and extra-curricular growth, and spiritual growth. There are few members of the Moeller family who have done as much as Mike Cameron has over the years to help Moeller establish and cultivate this proud tradition.

If you talk to Mike's players, it's clear he's been a positive force in the lives of countless young people in the Greater Cincinnati area. But his legacy at Moeller is not limited to the baseball diamond. During his decades at Moeller, Coach Cameron earned the gratitude and respect of thousands of students he didn't coach, as well as that of countless Moeller parents and faculty members. Coach Cameron also has the admiration of many Americans, from local fans of Moeller baseball to parents who have taken their children to watch one of the multiple players he helped to reach the big leagues.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I salute my friend, Coach Mike Cameron, on a long and distinguished career that is a source of pride for the entire Moeller family and the people of Southwest Ohio.

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TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN  
GILBERT GUDE

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of former Congressman Gilbert Gude and to reflect on his remarkable public career. Gil Gude was a man of great civic vision who served his community with great passion and dedication. He served in this body with great distinction from 1967–77, representing Maryland's Eighth Congressional District, which I am now honored to represent.

Gil Gude led a remarkable life. He grew up on a farm near Rockville, Maryland, where he developed a deep love of nature. He answered his country's call to duty in 1943, joining the Army Medical Corps during World War II. He served in the Maryland House of Delegates from 1953–57 and in the State Senate from 1963–68.

Elected to Congress in 1966, Gil Gude made his mark as a creative legislator whose ideas crossed party lines. He did not accept “conservative” or “liberal” labeling but rather worked with great personal integrity to do what he believed was right for his Nation. Even as a member of the Republican Party, he opposed the Vietnam War, called for the impeachment of President Nixon, worked to limit cigarette advertisement, and fought to restrict handgun ownership.

Gude was a devoted environmentalist. He worked to improve air quality in the District, save wild horses in the West, and create the C & O National Historical Park, among his many other accomplishments. In 1975 he spent a Congressional recess leading a 400-mile trip down the Potomac River in an attempt to give it a national designation.

Gude resigned from Congress in 1977 after a decade of dedicated and compassionate

service. However, this did not mark the end of his public service. In 1977 he became Director of the Congressional Research Service, and worked to establish the CRS as a premier and reliable research institution for Members of Congress. He retired from CRS in 1985.

Gil Gude spent a great amount of time focusing on his greatest passion—the Potomac River. He helped found the Potomac River Basin Consortium and took many trips to explore the small communities surrounding the river. He wrote two books about the upriver towns and viewed these tight-knit communities and the river as sources of immense history and cultural importance. He shared his wisdom with others, teaching courses at Georgetown University on history and the environment.

Our Nation mourns the passing of Gilbert Gude. He was a model of bipartisan cooperation who left a legacy that serves as an inspiration for us all.

To Gil Gude's family, please know that you are in our hearts and prayers. We share your grief during this painful time, but are proud to celebrate this extraordinary American's life of service and accomplishment.

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TRIBUTE TO JAMIE COE

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and remember the life of Jamie Coe, the beloved Detroit area entertainer and musician, who passed away on January 27, 2007.

For over five decades, Jamie Coe inspired generations of Americans through music. Born by the name of George Colovas in Highland, Michigan, Jamie Coe's musical abilities were discovered by singer Bobby Darin during a performance at the Cavalcade of Stars show at the Michigan State Fair Coliseum in 1959. Darin named Colovas “Jamie Coe” after a song he wrote called “Jamie Boy,” and signed him to Addison Records label. Later, Jamie also recorded songs for Big Top and ABC Paramount labels.

Since then, Jamie Coe led a successful rock and roll music career, during which his remarkable voice drew countless loyal fans. After forming the popular Detroit band “Jamie Coe and the Gigolos,” he performed nightly before packed crowds at local Detroit night clubs. While he was best known for his hit song “The Fool” and numerous appearances on Dick Clark's television broadcast “American Bandstand,” Jamie Coe also donated his time to numerous philanthropic causes. He performed regularly to raise money for charities like multiple sclerosis, leukemia, and for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

Madam Speaker, although the legendary Jamie Coe passed away on Saturday, January 27, 2007, his memory will live on in the hearts

of his loving wife Jamie, four children, two grandchildren, and scores of adoring fans. In honor of his enduring contributions to rock and roll music and to the people of our community, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the life of Jamie Coe and his selfless service to our community and our country.

RECOGNIZING MS. ROSA GIBBS ON  
HER CELEBRATING HER ONE  
HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a woman celebrating a milestone so few are able to attain, her One Hundredth Birthday. Ms. Rosa Gibbs was born June 21, 1907, in Georgetown, South Carolina. She is the daughter of Shedwick and Anne Jenkins Gibbs.

Ms. Rosa Gibbs graduated from Howard High School in South Carolina in 1925. After graduation, she moved to New York City where she lived for over five decades. For the past twenty years she has resided in Florida, though at heart I know she will always be a New Yorker.

Ms. Gibbs is a testament to aging beautifully. She regularly attends church, and is of both sound mind and body. Ms. Gibbs will be celebrating her birthday with her friends and loved ones on June 23, 2007 at the Wayman Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Jacksonville, Florida.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Ms. Gibbs' life and honor her birth.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the One Hundredth Birthday of Ms. Rosa Gibbs.

WELCOMING THE ROMANIAN  
DELEGATION

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise as co-chair of the Romanian Caucus to welcome Foreign Minister Adrian Cioroiu of Romania to the United States. Foreign Minister Cioroiu represents an increasingly pivotal ally in our country's efforts to preserve global security, prosperity, and democracy.

Foreign Minister Cioroiu picked up the reins of Romania's diplomatic corps just 2 months ago and he is already proving his commitment to a strong transatlantic unity in his visit. Foreign Minister Cioroiu's delegation hopes to plan an April 2008 NATO summit to be hosted in his country, discuss global antiterrorism initiatives with his counterparts here, and collaborate with them on regional security issues. The delegation's agenda is a symbol of a Romania that is steadfast in its responsible pursuit of global welfare.

Romania has played a leading geopolitical role as a regional power in Eastern Europe with its position at the crossroads of Europe and Russia. The country recently hosted an Organization for Security and Co-operation in

Europe meeting regarding anti-Semitism, an issue still fresh in the minds of leaders in the region.

Romania is taking a leading diplomatic role in the western Balkans, particularly in mediating talks on the status of Kosovo. Through these diplomatic efforts and others, Romania is ensuring an Eastern Europe that is peaceful and stable for freedom and prosperity to take root.

The country is also playing a growing economic role in the region. On January 1, 2007, Romania entered the European Union, after achieving a decade of substantial economic development even in the face of a global economic recession. Romania is embracing a free market while fostering the growth of a new middle class that will serve as a key to a successful economic society. Romania is becoming an economic engine for its neighbors to the East and West.

Inducted to NATO only 3 years ago, Romania is already an active participant in NATO operations and has contributed troops to both U.S. wars, with NATO troops in Afghanistan and with around 500 military personnel in Iraq. The Romanian military is playing an honorable and cooperative role in providing security in numerous spots throughout the globe.

I ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming Foreign Minister Cioroiu and the Romanian delegation to the United States. Congress will continue to promote a strong cooperative relationship between our two countries and I thank the Foreign Minister for his service.

TRIBUTE TO SCHAGEN'S SHOES

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding business, Schagen's Shoes, which will be closing its doors after 117 years of dedicated service to its clients, and by extension, to the greater community.

It is only fitting that Schagen's Shoes and the Schagen family be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for all they have provided to the residents of Paterson as they fulfilled their American Dream.

The history of Schagen's Shoes began in 1888, when Willem Schagen arrived in Paterson, NJ from the Netherlands. Having been an apprentice shoemaker in his native land, he decided to open a shop at 176 Lewis Street. At this shop he repaired shoes, but it was sales of "ready made" shoes that really made the business take off. In 1894, Willem married Reinoutje Eelman and built a house, said to be the first in the area with indoor plumbing, across from the shop. In 1909, Willem had another building erected at what is now 394 21st Avenue. It housed the business, an apartment for the family upstairs, and an attic, which later became a third floor to accommodate his 10 children.

With the move, business grew, and in 1917 Willem's son Albert joined in the store. Soon, Albert married Rose Zuercher, and they had 2 children, Albert William and Rose Claire. Albert brought new ideas, adding comfort and orthopedic shoes. In 1930, Willem and

Reinoutje moved to a new home in Glen Rock, and Albert and Rose moved above the store. In 1943, when Willem passed away, Albert assumed ownership of Schagen's and remained actively involved there until his death at the age of 93.

In 1948, after graduating from East Side High School, serving in the United States Navy, and graduating from Columbia University, Albert William joined his father in the business. He, too, brought fresh ideas, and Schagen's began to emphasize corrective shoes and appliances for children. In 1951, Albert married Mina Heines, a fellow Paterson native, and they purchased a home in Glen Rock, where Albert still resides. They were blessed with a daughter, Wendy and two sons, Donald and Kurt. In 1963, young Albert became the new proprietor.

Over the years, the clientele of Schagen's has represented a cross section of Paterson and the region. It has included professionals, doctors, lawyers, judges and political leaders, as well as many tradesmen and service personnel. The final owner, Albert W. Schagen, who devoted six decades to this multi-generational family business, retired on March 31, 2007, writing the final chapter of Schagen's Shoes' history. Schagen's Shoes was a vital part of the community for 117 years, and the generations of customers that were served so well over the years will surely miss the dedication and expertise of the Schagen family.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the efforts of family businesses like Schagen's Shoes.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the members of the Schagen family, all those who have been touched by their caring service, and me in recognizing the outstanding contributions of this business to the Northern New Jersey community and beyond.

IN HONOR OF STEPHEN B. KAHN

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Stephen B. Kahn, philanthropist, political progressive, and innovator, who passed away on Friday, April 27, 2007, at the age of 96.

Stephen was born in St. Louis, MO, on June 8, 1910. In his youth he called both San Francisco and New York home, and finally settled in Manhattan with his mother. She was an early feminist and supporter of Margaret Sanger; her political activities surely encouraged the development of his own progressive ideas. He returned to California to reunite with his father and later earned a degree in journalism from the University of Oregon at Eugene. He completed a law degree at the University of Tennessee and worked in the legal division of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

During World War II, he was drafted into the Army and served with the 7th Armored Division in Europe. Stephen and his wife, Ruth, then moved to Carmel and he began a successful career in the timber business as a conservationist and champion of healthy timber practices. He also supported the ACLU,

progressive journals, and noncommercial listener-supported radio in its early years, notably Radio Station KPFA and the Pacifica Foundation.

After Ruth's death in 1994, Steven created the Arkay Foundation as a tribute to her memory. The foundation supports innovative civil, environmental, and health care programs. He was a strong advocate for alternative medicine and helped naturopaths become licensed in California. He also promoted the use of vitamin C and megavitamin therapy for physical and mental illnesses. Remaining remarkably energetic himself, he led this foundation up to the end of his life.

However, he was best known for his progressive style of politics and commitment to the Democratic Party. He believed passionately that individuals could make a difference both at the local and national level by supporting political change. He also believed that songs could change the world. Steve was most proud of his early discovery of Woody Guthrie while filming a documentary in Oregon. Woody's part in producing was what he liked to call "art with a social message."

Madam Speaker, the life of Stephen Kahn was full of joy and purpose. He directly impacted the lives of thousands of people who came to respect, admire, and love him. I offer condolences to his two children Karen Kahn and Robert Kahn, his stepson David Goldschmidt; and the rest of his family. Stephen's passion, energy and wonderful spirit will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

#### HONORING MR. BOB IANNAcone

#### HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bob Iannacone as he retires from his position as Director of Economic Development for the Williamson County Economic Development Council.

Since he first assumed this responsibility in 1991, Bob has been instrumental in attracting corporations looking for a place to relocate and encouraging the expansion and growth of existing Williamson County companies. Together, these efforts have had an impact of approximately one billion dollars to the local economy. Through innovative marketing strategies, including the award-winning Economic Development Showcase program, Bob has ensured that corporate leaders around the country and around the world know that Williamson County is a great place to do business, and a great place to live.

A proud veteran of the United States Air Force, Bob Iannacone has also served our community through his work with multiple non-profit civic organizations and has impacted countless lives. Again, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Bob for his contributions to our nation and to Tennessee. I'm certain that his wife, Pat, children and grandchildren are all proud of the outstanding work he has done to improve not just the economy, but the quality of life in Williamson County.

#### HONORING JACK O'CONNELL

#### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jack O'Connell on the occasion of his retirement as President and CEO of the Health and Welfare Council of Long Island, Inc. For over 30 years, Mr. O'Connell has tirelessly served the area's poor and vulnerable children, families and individuals. Mr. O'Connell began his career with the Health and Welfare Council in 1976 and has served as the organization's chief executive since 1988.

Mr. O'Connell was instrumental in creating the first ever studies of hunger and homelessness on Long Island in 1984 and 1985. Mr. O'Connell's other accomplishments on behalf of the poor are too numerous to name, but they include initiating the Child Health Plus Facilitated Enrollment Consortium, a program that has enrolled more than 30,000 Long Islanders into Child and Family Health Plus; organizing Long Island's social services response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; and the organization of advocacy coalitions that helped give a voice to the poor and hungry.

Mr. O'Connell has been a tremendous asset to Long Island, and particularly to the people he has helped bring out of the shadows through his work. The future of this country depends on the well-being of our children and families, and the contributions of talented, passionate and committed public servants like Jack O'Connell.

#### SHUTTLE "ATLANTIS" LAUNCH

#### HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to recognize John "Danny" Olivas, who, with the launch of the Space Shuttle *Atlantis* this past Friday, became the first El Pasoan to enter space.

Astronaut Olivas worked his way through the El Paso school system, and, upon graduating from Burges High School, went on to receive a B.S. in mechanical engineering from the University of Texas at El Paso, an M.S. in mechanical engineering from the University of Houston, and, finally, a doctorate in mechanical engineering and materials science from Rice University.

Beyond being the first El Pasoan in space, Astronaut Olivas is also one of only a handful of minorities, and even fewer Hispanics, to participate in a Shuttle mission. The importance of Mr. Olivas' participation in this space flight is underscored by the lack of minorities in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math. According to the U.S. Census, as of 2000, only 4.4 percent of jobs related to science and engineering were held by African Americans, with only 3.4 percent being held by Hispanics. It is estimated that by 2050, over 50 percent of the population under the age of 18 will be a racial or ethnic minority. It is imperative that we work to engage our minority populations in these fields.

In the face of growing foreign competition from technology sectors in India, Japan, and China, among others, it is increasingly important that our country remains a leader of technological innovation and economic competitiveness. In creating opportunities for minorities, we ensure that the face of our high-tech workforce reflects the true face of America, and that our face in space echoes our face on Earth.

I have long supported NASA in its pursuit of greater understanding of the universe through exploration. Supporting NASA creates not only opportunities for people like Mr. Olivas, but also tangible benefits that affect our everyday life. Airmen and -women flying training maneuvers over El Paso's Fort Bliss-Biggs Army Airfield, and Army PATRIOT units deployed at home and overseas, use technology developed by NASA. Additionally, the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, where Astronaut Olivas first developed his fascination with space exploration at the age of seven, provides jobs for Texas, and, in doing so, fuels our local economies through tourism and contracting. As Astronaut Olivas noted in a recent interview, NASA itself is like a rocket engine: hundreds of thousands of small parts, working in tandem within the machinery of our Nation to fuel the engine of progress.

Having met Danny Olivas on a number of occasions, I applaud the example he encapsulates; wish him and the whole crew of *Atlantis* a safe return; and look forward to a successful mission!

#### WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOR

#### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate World Day Against Child Labor. Today serves to remind us of the exploitation of child workers around the world and to encourage us to act as global leaders in ending these atrocities.

I learned of the brutal working conditions of children who labored in the cocoa fields through a series of articles published by Knight Ridder several years ago. One young boy, Aly Diabate, told how he was sold into slavery when he was barely four feet tall. He said, "Some of the bags were taller than me. It took two people to put the bag on my head. And when you didn't hurry, you were beaten. The beatings were a part of my life. Any time they loaded you with bags and you fell while carrying them, no one helped you. Instead, they beat you and beat you until you picked it up again."

In response to stories like these, I, along with Senator TOM HARKIN, authored the Harkin-Engel Protocol to hold chocolate companies accountable to American consumers and the global community. The Harkin-Engel Protocol provides for the development and implementation of industry-wide global standards for the growing of cocoa beans and the manufacturing of chocolate products that are sold in

the United States. This framework provides a reliable capacity for the first time to publicly certify that cocoa used in chocolate or related products has been grown and processed without abusive child labor. The Harkin-Engel Protocol allows chocolate manufacturers to agree to take responsibility for the labor conditions of cocoa farms which they do not own.

It is not and should not be the way of this Congress to stand by while children anywhere are sold into slavery. And it is not our way to provide a marketplace for products tainted with the blood of children. I encourage the Members of this Congress to act as global leaders and help end child slave labor throughout the world. Madam Speaker, my hope is that we will use World Day Against Child Labor to raise American awareness of the pressing issue of child slavery and to rise to the challenge of accountability in American products.

IN HONOR OF THEODORE DAVID  
ENGLEHORN, SR.

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Theodore David Englehorn, Sr., M.D., a true hero who passed away on May 27, 2007. Throughout his long and passionate career, Dr. Englehorn served our country in the military and later became the first orthopedic surgeon in Monterey County. I offer his sister Helen Winsted, daughter Frances Mill, son Theodore Englehorn, Jr., and the rest of Dr. Englehorn's family my deepest condolences.

Growing up on a farm in rural South Dakota, Dr. Englehorn became interested in medicine at a young age while taking care of injured farm animals. After graduating from undergraduate school, he attended medical school at Northwestern University in Chicago. During his internship at Iowa Methodist Hospital, he received his M.D. and also met Arleta Lane, whom he later married in 1930.

During the depression, Dr. Englehorn joined the Army Reserves as a 1st Lieutenant Medical Corps and worked with the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) program in South Dakota until 1937. After this time, Dr. Englehorn and his family took the long journey to California. In King City, he set up his own private practice where he worked until 1942, when he was called into the military service as a Captain. He served honorably in the military for 4 more years and was discharged in December 1945 with the rank of Major, M.C.

Upon his return to Monterey County in 1946, Dr. Englehorn began working for the Salinas Community Hospital Association. His gift for compassion and talent for surgery helped him to gain the title of Chief of Surgery at the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital in 1959 and later Chief of Staff in 1960. Dr. Englehorn's dedication to the field of medicine was obvious and as a result he held numerous positions on several Medical Associations. He was the Medical Director of the National Foundation for Monterey County and the President of the Monterey County Medical Society, to name a few.

Dr. Englehorn was well known within his community as he was deeply involved in it. He

was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Salinas Lodge of Masons and Eastern Star, the Commonwealth Club of California and the Salinas Elks Lodge.

Madam Speaker, I wish to remember Dr. Englehorn for his honor, humanity, and love for helping others. He was consistently caring and loyal as a friend, husband, father and doctor. While Dr. Englehorn may no longer be with us, his memory and life's work will carry on in all those whose lives he touched.

HONORING HELGA LEMKE

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleague Representative MIKE THOMPSON with great pleasure to honor Helga Lemke on her 18 years of service with Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County. Since 1989, when she was hired as the agency's executive director, Helga has shown a steadfast commitment to increasing opportunities for low income residents of Sonoma County to gain self-sufficiency and contribute to their communities. We have found Helga to be fiercely focused on fighting poverty, wonderfully competent in running this large, multi-program agency, and yet very down-to-earth and authentic.

Helga has spent her entire career helping others, from her internship with the National Community Action Foundation nearly 40 years ago through her work at the United Nations to the present. One of the tenets she holds so dearly, says colleague John Way, is making a difference. He notes, "I have heard her often say that one of the most enriching things about her work is having someone tell her, 'What you've done has changed my life.'"

Helga's well-earned appointment to director of programs for the California Department of Community Services reminds us how much she has accomplished for our community. For one, she transformed a struggling nonprofit into one of the largest and most respected agencies in the county. She also initiated an award-winning staff diversity training program and a community-acclaimed annual conference on poverty, at the same time leading a staff of 225 at more than 20 sites with an annual budget of more than \$11 million.

Despite all this, Helga has still made time for public service. The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors appointed her to the Workforce Investment Board and Youth Council; the Santa Rosa City Mayor has appointed her to the Mayor's Task Force on Gangs; and she has also served on numerous boards, including Roseland University Prep School. She has also testified before Congress on Head Start issues where her expertise was valued.

Madam Speaker, we have appreciated working with Director Lemke on the many issues faced by the Sonoma community and thank her for her dedicated service. Her passion and energy are an inspiration to all of us who work with families. Congratulations on your appointment, Helga.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK

**HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Madam Speaker, sixty-three years ago, on June 12, 1944, Big Bend National Park was established in southwest Texas along the Rio Grande River. The scenic national park encompasses more than 800,000 acres of pristine desert and mountain terrain.

Known as "Texas' Gift to the Nation," Big Bend began as a modestly-sized State park, but its area was expanded greatly by the state before being awarded to the Nation. After Congress passed legislation allowing for the acquisition of land in the region to establish the park the state of Texas purchased approximately 600,000 acres of land from private owners, at a cost of \$1.5 million, in 1942.

The purchase of such a vast expanse of land at such a high price in the midst of the Great Depression was an incredible feat for the State of Texas. Despite the cost, the State donated the land to the Federal Government for the establishment of the national park. With that gesture Texas provided the nation with a majestic national park that has been enjoyed for over a half a century so far.

Big Bend National Park has a rich history. For thousands of years it was traversed by and inhabited by native peoples. For the past century and a half it has also seen Spanish prospectors; Comanche Indians; Mexican settlers; and Anglo-American farmers, ranchers and miners.

Everett Ewing Townsend, the "Father" of Big Bend National Park, was the champion of adding Big Bend to the National Parks Service's purview and is most responsible for the preservation of this region where the Chihuahuan Desert intersects with the Chisos Mountains and the flow of the mighty Rio Grande River shifts from southeast to northeast forming the bend after which the park is named. Sixty-three years ago Everett Townsend's efforts provided the United States with an unspoiled tract of land that has since been enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of visitors. In its first year, Big Bend National Park recorded 1,409 visitors, but today it receives over 300,000 visitors a year. Today, I recognize Big Bend National Park on its 63rd anniversary and thank the National Park Service for preserving this region for future generations.

THE BELLS OF BALANGIGA MUST  
RING AGAIN

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to support H. Con. Res. 168, legislation that I have just introduced, which urges the President to authorize the return of two church bells, currently on display at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming, to the people of the Philippines.



I am introducing the resolution today, June 12th, because of the historical significance of this date to 85 million Filipinos. It is the 109th yearly celebration of Philippine Independence from Spain. The introduction of this resolution will bring hope for the return of the church bells, especially to the parishioners of Balangiga.

It was a result of a conflict, between Filipino and American soldiers in 1901 in the town of Balangiga on the island of Samar, Philippines, that the bells in the Balangiga church were taken to the United States as war trophies where they have been on display ever since at F.E. Warren Air Force Base.

I am introducing this resolution because of a vote by the Wyoming Veterans Commission in favor of the return of the bells to the church in Balangiga.

The citizens of Balangiga have erected a memorial that includes the names of the Filipino and American soldiers who lost their lives in the 1901 incident, and the town honors these war dead, both those from the Philippines and those from America, on September 28 each year. Filipino people have requested the return of the bells to the original setting in the Balangiga Parish where they could ring again, after 106 years of muteness, as a symbol of this bond.

The acts of conflict that surrounded the Bells of Balangiga are not consistent with the friendship that is an integral part of the relationship between the Republic of the Phil-

ippines and the United States. Filipino soldiers have fought side by side with American troops in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, and the bells should more properly serve as a symbol of friendship and not of conflict.

For this reason, I urge my colleagues to support H. Con. Res. 168.

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IN HONOR OF GERALD "JERRY"  
FRY

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a man committed to serving his country and community. Gerald "Jerry" Fry, former mayor of the city of Monterey, passed away on May 24, 2007. With a profound love for his city, Jerry devoted his career to improving the community around him. Jerry was a great example of the impact one man can have on so many people's lives, and without him the world is a bit dimmer. I offer his wife Mary, children Lisa, Luke, Terri, and Leslie, and the rest of Jerry's family my deepest condolences.

Jerry grew up in Pacific Grove and attended Pacific Grove High School. After graduating from Santa Clara University, Jerry joined the Marines and served during the Korean war.

After his time in the military, Jerry returned to his home on the Monterey Bay where he met his future wife, Mary. Upon his return to the peninsula, Jerry began managing a taxi company and also a stationary store. His long and dedicated career of service to the city, however, did not begin until 1963 when a position on the city council opened and Jerry was elected to fill the remaining 2 years in the position.

Jerry was first elected as mayor of the city of Monterey in 1977 and went on to win two more reelections. He began to shine as an outstanding mayor and great leader the instant he was in office. Friends described Jerry as "one of the best mayors I think we've ever had." His ability to listen and to acknowledge everyone's desire to be heard was a gift and was what defined him in his 20 years on the Monterey City Council.

After serving on the city council, Jerry still remained very interested in city politics and would enjoy discussing controversial issues with his friends. The city always remained close to Jerry's heart even long after he was out of office.

Madam Speaker, Gerald "Jerry" Fry was a remarkable figure in our community, and he will live on in the memory of many people whose lives he has touched. I would like to express my sincere gratitude for his commitment to the city of Monterey.